Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Joe Kafka; and,

Whereas, Joe dedicated his career to providing fair and complete information to the general public, working for 21 years as the Associated Press reporter in Pierre, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, During his time as a reporter, South Dakotans gained confidence in Joe for his professionalism, articulate reporting, and balanced approach; and,

Whereas, After leaving the Associated Press, Joe served the state of South Dakota as the Governor's Office Press Secretary, joining the administration of Governor Mike Rounds on December 15, 2008, and continuing his service during the administration of Governor Dennis Daugaard; and,

Whereas, During his service in the Governor's Office, Joe has continued to be a reliable source of information to the public, and has worked diligently to assist the work of his colleagues in the press corps; and,

Whereas, Joe's colleagues and friends in the Governor's Office and in state government value Joe for his wisdom and media savvy, his sense of humor, and his tireless commitment to excellence in all that he does; and,

Whereas, On May 23, 2013, Joe is retiring from the state of South Dakota to spend more time with his wife, Gina, and family. Joe's colleagues and friends gather to celebrate his retirement on May 20, 2013; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby designate May 23, 2013, as

JOE KAFKA DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K Miller / Deputy

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State